

Charlie Yale Cabins
Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve
Bettles vicinity
Alaska

HABS No. AK-20

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE ALASKA	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY BETTLES VICINITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Charlie Yale Cabin (NRHP draft)		HABS NO. AK-20
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) UTM's: 05.607450.7487450 On the west bank of the Glacier River at the point where the Glacier Pass winter trail crosses the river, approximately 8 miles west of Nolan; Gates of the Arctic National Park. &		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) First decade of the twentieth century (draft NRHP)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Preserve	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The ten year home of hermit prospector Charlie Yale, this cabin site is an accessible, in-park display of early isolated mining. Uses as shelter and way-station tie the site to latter-day mining. Used by Robert Marshall and local stalwarts Ernie Johnson and Vincent Knorr and the communal upkeep as a shelter is a commentary on the wilderness lifestyle in its own right. See HABS AK-25.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Log cabin		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Log		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Yale Cabin: 14'0" x 14'0", Work cabin: 12'0" x 10'5" arctic entry: 8'0" x 14'0";		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE This site comprises two cabins and a pipe rack placed on an old river terrace approximately 300' west of the river. In addition, a drift mine shaft and its related tailings are in association with the site.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Still on the winter trail, it continues to serve as a shelter cabin.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places (draft); National Park Service files; See Bibliography HABS AK-25, TOWN OF WISEMAN.		
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